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From: Shoven, Heather
Sent: Monday, October 5, 2015 9:53 AM
To: (b) (6)
Subject: RE: June 12, 2002 Bioterrorism Act and Emergency Response Plans

Dear Mr. Woodson:

I am responding to your phone inquiry this morning regarding the June 12, 2002 Bioterrorism Act which amended the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Act requires community water systems (CWS) serving populations greater than 3,300 to either prepare or revise an Emergency Response Plan (ERP) that incorporates the results of its Vulnerability Assessment. The ERP must include “plans, procedures, and identification of equipment that can be implemented or utilized in the event of a terrorist or other intentional attack” on the CWS. The ERP also must include “actions, procedures, and identification of equipment which can obviate or significantly lessen the impact of terrorist attacks or other intentional actions on the public health and the safety and supply of drinking water provided to communities and individuals.”

http://www.epa.gov/safewater/watersecurity/pubs/small_medium_ERP_guidance040704.pdf

Based on our phone conversation this morning, my understanding is that the pipeline that connected the City of Flint’s pipes to the City of Detroit was purchased by Genesee County when Flint switched its source to the Flint River. The ERP requires that this interconnection be identified but I cannot find federal regulations that require the use of this interconnection.

Best wishes,
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